

**Remarks**

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 4-13 inclusive, and indicated allowance of claims 3 and 16 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 4-15 inclusive, and 17-18 inclusive. Claims 2-3 inclusive and 16 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3 and intervening claim 2 and is now allowable. Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 and is now allowable. Claims 15 and 17-18 inclusive now depend from an allowable independent claim and are allowable.

Claims 11 and 13 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney if a telephone conference is needed to address any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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